



MASSACHUSETTS MIGRATORY BIRD DATES & LIMITS 2004-05 Season

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SEASON		DATES		BAG	POSSESSION
Sora Rail		Sept 1 - Nov 8		5	5
Virginia Rail		Sept 1 - Nov 8		10	10
Snipe		Sept 1 - Dec 15		8	16
Woodcock		Oct 14 - Oct 30 & Nov 1 - Nov 13		3	6
Ducks (A)	Zone	Duck Dates	Canvasback/Pintail Dates		
	Berkshire	Oct 12 - Nov 27 & Dec 4 - Dec 25	Oct 12 - Nov 15	6*	12*
	Central	Oct 13 - Nov 27 & Dec 17 - Jan 8	Oct 13 - Nov 16	6*	12*
	Coastal	Oct 14 - Oct 23 & Nov 25 - Jan 22	Oct 14 - Oct 23 & Nov 25 - Dec 18	6*	12*
American Coot		Same as for ducks		15	30
Mergansers (B)		Same as for ducks		5*	10*
Regular Goose	Berkshire	Oct 23 - Nov 27 & Dec 10 - Dec 25		3	6
	Central	Oct 13 - Nov 27 & Dec 17 - Jan 8		2	4
	Coastal	Oct 14 - Oct 23 & Nov 25 - Jan 22		2	4
Early Canada Goose	Statewide	Sept 7 - Sept 25		5	10
Late Canada Goose	Central	Jan 15 - Feb 15		5	10
	North Coastal (C)	Jan 24 to Feb 15		5	10
Late Snow/Blue Goose	Central / N. Coastal	Same as for Canada geese		15	30
Snow and Blue Goose		Same as for ducks		15	30
Sea Ducks (D) (Scoter, Eider, Long-tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw])		Oct 6 to Jan 22		7**	14**
Brant (Coastal Zone Only)		Nov 26 to Jan 22		2	4
Falconry (Ducks and American Coot only)		Oct 6 to Feb 7		3	6
Youth Waterfowl Hunt		Oct 9 & 11		<i>Special Provisions Apply</i>	

* Singly or in the aggregate

** Singly or in the aggregate no more than 4 scoter, 4 eider (1 hen), 4 long-tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw] in the daily bag.

A. The daily bag may contain no more than:

Mallard (only 2 female)	4	Harlequin	0	Black Duck	1
Canvasback	1	Wood Duck	2	Hooded Merganser	1
Pintail	1	Mottled	1	Scaup	3
Fulvous Whistling	1	Redhead	2	All other duck species	4

Possession limits are double the daily bag. (e.g. Mallards --- possession 8 of which only 4 may be female).

B. Daily bag of mergansers may not include more than 1 hooded merganser; no more than 2 hooded in possession.

C. North Coastal Zone For Late Canada Goose Season: That portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal to the New Hampshire line.

D. Scoter, eider and long tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw] during the open period other than open season for other ducks may be hunted only in coastal waters and rivers and streams seaward of the first upstream bridge.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Non-toxic shot required for all hunting of waterfowl and American coot statewide.

HIP NUMBER REQUIRED FOR ALL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS (INCLUDING WOODCOCK HUNTERS) FOR THE EACH CALENDAR YEAR. This number is good for the entire calendar year and is free. You need a current year hunting license in order to receive a HIP number. Call: 1 - 800 - WETLAND.

Report Banded Birds - 1 - 800 - 327 - BAND.